Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the cost estimated here take in the cost of shifting the Water Works to a different place, this Rs. 10 and odd lakhs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does that also take in the cost of making additional accommodation in the Lower Secondary School for the High School classes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Shifting of public offices to Ramavarmapuram.

78. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that they are contemplating, or have decided, to shift some of the public offices to Ramavarmapuram;

(b) if so, which are they and what are the reasons for the shifting;

(c) what will be the cost of shifting and making alterations for the existing buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) (1) Office of the Registrar of Village Panchayats.
(2) Do Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
(3) Do Protector of the Depressed Classes.
(4) Do Secretary to the Board of Examiners.
(5) Do Comptroller of Accounts.
(6) Do Conservator of Forests. } Not finally settled.
(7) Do Anchal Superintendent

There is a great demand for new offices and extensions for the existing office buildings. If some of the offices especially from the towns are shifted as proposed, these requirements could be satisfied to a great extent.

(c) The cost of making alterations to suit the convenience of the first four offices is estimated at Rs. 2,800.

Proposals for the rest are not yet ready but a tentative provision of Rs. 3,000 has been made in 1108 budget for shifting the other three offices also.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Government considered the inconvenience that will be caused to the public by shifting these offices to Ramavarmapuram, a distance of three miles from the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, that aspect of the question was considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was the public opinion ascertained in the matter of shifting?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the matter of shifting the offices mentioned in the anwer, Government did not think it necessary to make an extensive examination of public opinion.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were the respective Heads of Departments consulted in the matter of shifting their respective offices?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether it is the usual practice to ascertain public opinion before locating public offices?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as I know public opinion has not been taken in locating public offices.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether by this re-adjustment effected, by having some offices at Anappara, accommodation could be found for the Trichur Magistrate's Court in some public building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I don't think it will be possible.

Shifting of Sirkar Primary School from Nandikara to Nellayi.

79. **Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have any proposal to shift the Sirkar Primary School from Nandikara to Nellayi;

(2) whether they have received any petition signed by more than two hundred people protesting against any such shifting;

(3) whether they have given any reply to that petition. and if so, what?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) No. The petition is still under consideration.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know how long this particular school has been standing at Nandikara?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—About a dozen years in that particular locality.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is there any special reason for this proposal to shift this school to Nellayi?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, there are two villages adjacent to each other, the villages of Parappukkara and Nellayi. Parappukkara has two schools including the one at Nandikara. Nellayi which has got a big population has no school. I thought it was sufficient reason to take one school from a village which has got more than one and give it to the adjacent village of

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